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CITE: //3410 [REDACTED]

PASS: FBIHQ, NSD, CTS, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF ARCHBISHOP OSCAR ROMERO, SAN
SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR; FPC-GCM; OO: HQ.

~~ALL MARKING, NOTATIONS AND ITEMS OF INFORMATION CONTAINED
IN THIS COMMUNICATION ARE CLASSIFIED "SECRET".~~

REQUESTS OF THE BUREAU: (1) THE BUREAU IS REQUESTED TO
CONDUCT INDICES REGARDING [REDACTED] DPOB:

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AND [REDACTED] DPOB: [REDACTED] U.S.A.

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(2) FBIHQ IS FURTHERMORE REQUESTED TO REVIEW CAPTIONED FILE IN AN ATTEMPT TO VALIDATE THE BELOW INFORMATION, AND ADVISE LOS ANGELES, SO THAT APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIVE MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE BELOW INFORMATION IS BEING ~~CLASSIFIED~~, AS THE CONTENTS OF THIS COMMUNICATION HAVE NOT BEEN SUBSTANTIATED, AND DISSEMINATION OUTSIDE THE FBI COULD ENDANGER THE LIFE OF [REDACTED] (PROTECT). FURTHERMORE, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LOS ANGELES HAS FULLY IDENTIFIED ONE OF THE IMPLICATED, [REDACTED] DPOB: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE SECOND INDIVIDUAL IMPLICATED IN THIS MATTER WAS IDENTIFIED AS (X) [REDACTED] (X), AND HE HAS YET TO BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED BY LOS ANGELES.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT) DPOB: [REDACTED]

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TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED THE LOS ANGELES (LA) OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF STATE (DOS) ADVISING DOS THAT HE HAD INFORMATION REGARDING THE ASSASSINATION OF MONSEÑOR ROMERO (MARCH 20, 1980), ARCHBISHOP OF THE CAPINA DIVINA DE LA PROVIDENCIA,

CANTON DE SAN ANTONIO ABAD, SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR. THE RECEIVING DOS DUTY AGENT REFERRED THIS MATTER TO THE LOS ANGELES OFFICE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) ON AUGUST 10, 1993.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT) WAS INTERVIEWED BY A FBILA SPECIAL AGENT (SA), WHO PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

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[REDACTED] AT THE OUTSET OF THIS INTERVIEW, ADVISED THE INTERVIEWING AGENT THAT HE WAS PRESENTING THIS INFORMATION FOR THE REWARD MONEY. HE FURTHER CLARIFIED THIS, BY STATING THAT MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS TRUTH COMMISSION, HAD RECENTLY TRAVELLED THROUGH EL SALVADOR, OFFERING MONETARY REWARDS FOR INFORMATION THAT WOULD BE UTILIZED IN HISTORICAL ARCHIVES REGARDING UNSOLVED CRIMES COMMITTED IN EL SALVADOR DURING THE CIVIL WAR BETWEEN THE FRENTE FARABUNDO MARTI PARA LA LIBERACION NACIONAL (FMLN) AND THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR (GOES), DURING THE YEARS OF MAY 1980 TO JANUARY 1991. IN 1991 THE FMLN BECAME AN OFFICIAL POLITICAL PARTY IN THE EL SALVADOR POLITICAL PROCESS AND SIGNED A UNITED NATIONS (U.N.) BROKERED PEACE ACCORD WITH THE GOES.

[REDACTED] (PROTECT) STATED THAT HE DID NOT PROVIDE

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THIS INFORMATION TO THE TRUTH COMMISSION PERSONNEL IN EL SALVADOR, AS HE FEARED FOR HIS LIFE. [REDACTED] OFFERED THE FOLLOWING TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CLAIM: HE STATED THAT EVEN THOUGH A U.S. BACKED CIVILIAN PRESIDENT REPRESENTS HIS COUNTRY OF EL SALVADOR, PILLARS OF DEMOCRACY, SUCH AS A FUNCTIONING JUDICIAL SYSTEM AND BASIC ACCOUNTABILITY, ARE MISSING, DESPITE THE INORDINATE AMOUNTS OF U.S. TAX DOLLARS BEING SPENT IN EL SALVADOR TO PROMOTE THEM. SOME OF THE MOST EGREGIOUS ABUSERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, WILL ESCAPE PUNISHMENT; SOME MAY EVEN RUN FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. TO CLARIFY THIS POINT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] THE BLANKET AMNESTY PUSHED THROUGH BY THE RIGHT-WING GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT ALFREDO CRISTIANI DAYS AFTER A U.N. SPONSORED PANEL KNOWN AS THE TRUTH COMMISSION ISSUED A SCATHING REPORT BLAMING MOST MASSACRES,

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TORTURE AND OTHER WARTIME ATROCITIES ON STATE SECURITY FORCES
OF THE GOES. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT HE WAS BORN ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] STATED THAT IN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] DID NOT PAY MUCH ATTENTION TO THIS, HOWEVER HE
BECAME SKEPTICAL, WHEN THERE WAS [REDACTED]

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LOS ANGELES HAS FULLY IDENTIFIED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

HOWEVER

HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO LOCATE OR IDENTIFY [REDACTED]

DUE TO

THE LACK OF IDENTIFYING DATA.

[REDACTED] DMV PACKAGE WAS ORDERED FROM
THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND HIS FILE HAD THREE APPLICATIONS
WITH PHOTOGRAPHS IN THEM. IN THE OLDEST ONE (1985)

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[] WAS SPORTING A BEARD, HOWEVER THE LAST TWO (1989 AND 1990) HE WAS CLEAN SHAVEN. THE CALIFORNIA LAW ENFORCEMENT TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (CLETS), PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING []

[] DOB: [] RESIDING AT []
[] CONCORD, CALIFORNIA 94518, WAS ISSUED CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE [] WHICH FURTHER IDENTIFIED HIM AS 5'09" IN HEIGHT, 170 POUNDS, BROWN HAIR, AND BLUE EYES. []

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[] CURRENTLY USING THE NAME OF []
[] ACCORDING TO [] DPOB []
[] RESIDING AT [] CLAYTON, CALIFORNIA, 94517, WAS ISSUED CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE [] WHICH FURTHER IDENTIFIED HER AS A FEMALE, 5'01" IN HEIGHT, BROWN HAIR, GREEN EYES, AND 110 POUNDS.

[] ADVISED THE INTERVIEWING AGENT THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO BE POLYGRAPHED, IF THE NEED ARISES.

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LOS ANGELES IS HOLDING IN ABEYANCE ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION WHILE FBIHQ REVIEWS THIS MATTER AND ADVISES FBILA IF FURTHER INVESTIGATION OR INTERVIEW IS WARRANTED.

ADMINISTRATIVE: THE INTERVIEWING AGENT IS SA []

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[] WHO IS CURRENTLY IN ROUTE TO HIS NEW OFFICE OF ASSIGNMENT, THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION.

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IN THE EVENT FOLLOWUP INTERVIEWS OF [] ARE DESIRED BY FBIHQ, SA [] WITH THE PERMISSION OF SAC SACRAMENTO, IS WILLING TO RECONTACT [] AND PURSUE THESE ALLEGATIONS FURTHER.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION OF MONSENOR ROMERO IS STILL A VOLATILE/EXPLOSIVE TOPIC IN EL SALVADOR. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THIS INFORMATION IS SENSITIVE AND SINGULAR IN NATURE, APPROPRIATE SECURITY MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF []

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